Dear Students and Families,

As our school evolves and new families join our school family, I wanted to provide additional information on the importance of the work we do on our journey of STEAM education and having our school be recognized as a STEAM school not just in the state of Arizona but globally.

According to current research, there has been a growing focus on STEAM education to better prepare students for higher education and arm them with the skills and knowledge they will need to be successful innovators in a workforce.

By engaging students from an early age around the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, STEAM aims to spark an interest and life long love of these disciplines. The goal of STEAM education is to foster the true innovation that comes with combining the mind of a scientist, mathematician, technologist with that of an artist or designer. We focus on the Engineering Process and design Thinking Process to provide students ongoing opportunities to use a structure within multidisciplinary learning.

STEAM empowers teachers to employ project-based learning that crosses all 5 disciplines (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) and fosters an inclusive learning environment where all students are able to engage and contribute. Students that have been in a STEAM learning environment from an early age will be set up for future success because they have been exposed to interdisciplinary content holistically, where their critical thinking, communication, creativity, and collaboration skills have been fostered. Mountain View students are engaged in solving challenges including real world problems.

You can support STEAM education for your child by visiting our STEAM Family Nights, having your child participate in before or after school STEAM activities, attend state SciTech Festivals and Conventions, and be a STEAM volunteer in your child’s classroom. Also, we accept ongoing donations for our classrooms, iExplore Lab and our Makerspace. Please contact your child’s teacher, the front office staff, or administration for additional details.

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller                  Mrs. Wolford
Principal, M.Ed             Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates

12/4 - 8th Grade Parent Night for Future Stallions at Shadow Ridge High School, 6pm in the Auditorium
12/6 - Winter Choir Concert, 6pm in the Cafeteria
12/7 - MVS School Spelling Bee, 9:15 am in iExplore Lab
12/8 - MVS PTA Holiday Craft Fair, 10am-2pm
12/12 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm at District Office
12/13 - MVS STEAM Night, 5-7pm
12/21 - Early release, 1:45 p.m.
12/24-1/4 - Winter break, no school

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be tardy or absent!

623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Student Arrival Reminders

Please remember: **Students are not allowed to be on campus before 8:40 unless they are scheduled to be here. There is NO supervision before this time!**

Please remind students not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in the front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by. As stated in the Dysart Student Parent Handbook on page 7, bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and once on school grounds.
Parents Needed!

Full STEAM Ahead for AdvancED STEM Certification

We are looking for parents that are interested in being part of the STEM certification process. Our STEM certification lead will be asking questions about the school in regards to STEAM education and the experiences we offer our students.

To find out more about AdvancED STEM Certification, please visit their website at www.advan-ed.org/services/stem-certification. Parents who are interested in being part of this process will meet twice with Principal Miller prior to the scheduled meeting with the STEM certification lead:

Tuesday, January 22nd from 4:15-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26th from 4:15-5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 11th from 4:10-4:55 p.m. with the STEM lead

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Yes, I am interested in being part of Mountain View’s STEM certification process.

Please print your name and your child's homeroom teacher. Return to your child's teacher or to the front office by December 14th.

Name: ___________________________________________ Homeroom: __________________________________________________
Mountain View Elementary is hosting a **STEAM Night**

December 13, 2018
at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Our students would like to show you what they are doing with STEAM education in their classes and provide you a time to come and learn more about STEAM yourself.

Please come and explore the different exhibits and interactive showcase items our students have for you. In addition, join our students, staff and community partners in our hands-on playground, STEAM GEOCaching, exhibitors, and so many other fun filled activities with our winter theme twist. It is time to warm up with STEAM!

Respectfully,
Your Mountain View Elementary STEAM Educators
MVS Chief Science Officers
MVS CTSOs

P.S. - If you want to sign up to experience virtual reality, please sign up on the VIVE Sign-up sheet. Space is limited!
In order to ensure that we have enough supplies for activities, please RSVP BY December 7th! This is not a drop-off event; family members of all ages are welcome! Return this portion of the flyer to your child’s teacher.

Last name: ____________________________________________

Number of adults: ____________ Number of children: __________

Grade Level(s) of children: ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

Sign up for the virtual reality experience (VIVE) - space is limited!
MVS Holiday Reminders

As we proceed through this holiday system, please remember to follow all Dysart policies, as stated in the student handbook:

Food that is brought for a classroom celebration “must be store-bought and/or professionally prepared according to County Health guidelines.”

“Balloons, flower bouquets, etc. will not be delivered to students during the regular school day. A message will be communicated to the student and the delivery will be held in the front office until the end of the school day where students may pick it up. Balloons are not allowed on school buses.”

Please also remember that a member of the front office has a severe anaphylactic allergy to latex - therefore, we ask that you do not bring any latex balloons to campus.

Remember, too, that parents/visitors are not permitted to accompany students to class once the 8:40 bell rings. If you have items that need to be taken to the classroom, please come to the front office, and the office staff will ensure that the items make it to the classroom.

If you are volunteering for a special event in your child’s classroom, please remember that volunteers may not bring un-enrolled students with them while volunteering.
Photo ID Required for Pickup
Reminder: a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom, or to volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. A Dysart Volunteer badge is acceptable as your photo ID even if you are not volunteering. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from Mountain View.

Privacy Issues
The front office often deals with issues involving the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We are respectfully asking that parents limit their time waiting in the front office area to 5 to 10 minutes during school hours so that the privacy of other parents and students is not violated. We appreciate your help in this.

No Dogs on Campus
Please remember that no dogs are permitted on campus, for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Corner
12/8 - PTA Holiday Craft Fair at MVS, 10am-2pm. Come shop from local vendors for your whole family!
Enjoy food from Goodfellas, The Family Grind, Kona Ice, and Gorditos Burritos. We're having a gingerbread house and ugly sweater contest - will you win?

Take your picture with Santa, and bring gently used donations for our Goodwill Donation Drive at the fair!

Contact the PTA at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

Parent Portal
We highly encourage all parents and guardians to create their parent portal account now. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account. You will need one of your student's ID numbers to sign up. You can find this on the census verification form that will go home, or you may contact the front office.

Office Reminders
If you come to eat lunch with your child, please follow all cafeteria rules - sit at the family table and follow any rules as explained by the Cafeteria staff and School Aides. Thank you!

Please remember that the office is not permitted to call a student down to wait for a parent/guardian in the office prior to the adult's arrival on campus. The parent/guardian must be present, and the office staff must check your identification. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Our office is latex free! Please do not bring latex balloons to campus!

Contacting Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” portion of the Mountain View website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students begin arriving at 8:40 a.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the teacher's voicemail. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please make an appointment beforehand. Thank you.

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